

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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ADVERSE EFFECTS OF METALLIC CONTENT IN UTENSIL

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to substandard quality of aluminium and higher contents of nickel and chromium in steel non-stick utensils is reported to be causing accumulation of poison in human body;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has formulated any policy in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): According to Indian Council of Medical Research, studies on effect of using substandard quality of the metals namely iron, copper, higher content of Nickel and chromium in steel and non stick utensils on causing accumulation of poison in human body are limited.

The Council has also stated that under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1955, certain specifications have been prescribed for chemical composition for cast aluminium and aluminium alloy for utensils.